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WATAUGA COUNTY.

Watauga county has the following area:

From the State line on the Watanga River via. of Boone to the Wilkes county line is about 38 miles. From the Caldwell county line to the Ashe county line via. of Boone is about 22 miles, which make about 100 miles around the county. Watauga has a population of about 12,000; about 500 colored. Boone the county seat. Zionville in the northern part of the county, and Blowing Rock in the southern part, are the only towns in the county. Watauga River, South Fork of New River and the Yadkin River have their source in Watauga; also the following tributaries, namely, Beech Creek, Beaver Dams, Cove Creek and Banner Elk are tributaries of the Watauga River. Elk Creek, Meet Camp, Howard's Creek, Flannery's Fork and Gap Creek are tributaries of the south fork of New River. Yadkin Elk, Rich Land Creek and Buffalo are tributaries of the Yadkin River. The head waters of John's River also heads in Watauga. The rivers and tributaries afford abundant water power for all kinds of machinery; besides fertile valleys and rich hill lands. This is a good land to live in, and all can have good things to eat who will use industry.

POLITICAL NEWS.

In the contest for U. S. Senator in Ohio, Senator John Sherman wins. He beats Foraker 12 votes. We are glad of this, as Sherman is a better man than Foraker, and a much abler man.

It is probable that the Hon. R. Q. Mills, of Texas, will be elected U. S. Senator by the Texas legislature. We hope he will. We regard him as one of the foremost statesmen of our country.

The Governor of Kansas appointed B. W. Perkins Senator in place of Senator Plumb, deceased. Ingralls left. It is probable that Perkins is a worse partisan than Ingralls, and not half as smart.

On the first day of Jan., Gov. elect, Flower was inaugurated Governor. On the 5th Senator D. B. Hill took his seat in the United States Senate. It now looks probable that this same Governor and Senator D. B. Hill will be the next President of the U. S.

Speaker Crisp is confined with the grippe. He is not able to preside. Mr. McMillin is now Speaker pro tem, and if Mr. Crisp should never be able to preside, McMillin will be the Speaker. He is a Tennesseean and is an able man and a true democrat. A well deserved compliment to elect him Speaker pro tem.

Gov. Hill, of New York, has proven himself to be a man of nerve and pluck. In the campaign in New York he pledged the democratic party that they would elect a governor, and a majority in both branches of the legislature. The democrats succeeded. The Senate being so close, the republicans undertook to steal the Senate by changing the returns of certain districts. Gov. Hill blocked this movement, and the matter went to the courts, where the contests were decided in favor of the democrats; thereby giving the democrats a majority in the Senate.

A free coinage law already on the statute books. The law of 1837 provides for the coinage of silver bullion when presented for the benefit of depositors. Senator Stewart of Nevada has introduced a resolution in the U. S. Senate, founded on the proposition that holders of silver bullion are entitled, under the law of 1837, to the free coinage of silver. That act makes it the duty of the officers of the mint to do so. If this act of 1837 is still in force we already have the free coinage law in force, and the resolution of Senator Stewart will bring it forward. It is passing strange that this law has been overlooked.

GENERAL NEWS.

North Carolina has one hundred students at the Baltimore Medical College.

Asbestos mining property near Morganton will go into the hands of an English syndicate.

English capitalists will organize a bank in Columbia, S. C., with a capital of \$5,000,000.

Mt. Airy, N. C., was nearly burned up. The business part of the town was destroyed. The Blue Ridge Inn cost \$50,000. Mt. Airy Hotel and store after fell in quick succession. The loss is put at \$150,000. The people have started to rebuild, and those plucky people will soon have the place rebuilt.

FROM HIBRITEN.

Editor DEMOCRAT:

Having passed through the holidays and entered upon the beginning of the New Year, I feel I must write something for your paper. The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly and pleasantly here. I did not see, taste, smell or hear of a drop of ardent spirits in all these hereabouts. There was a beautiful Christmas tree in Lower Creek church Thursday morning before Christmas for the benefit of the Sunday schools at that place, and at noon same day a magnificent tree was unveiled in Hibriten Academy in presence of some three hundred people. The tree was gotten up by two Sunday Schools and Prof. Phillips's day school at Hibriten. There were over 700 gifts, costing some \$300, we suppose. The presents consisted of clothing, hats, boots, shoes, watches, books, chairs, trunks, jellies, ments, candies, etc., but you must not think these were all hung on the tree, but many were piled up around the tree on benches, and hung on ropes put up for that purpose. It was a pleasant and enjoyable occasion. We spent the week after Christmas in a meeting of days, conducted in the academy, which resulted in several professed conversions. All the services were well attended, and much interest was manifested. Rev. J. H. Nelson, of Patterson, assisted me in the meeting. Just before Christmas we had a week's meeting at Lower Creek, in which Revs. H. M. Croom, of Globe, and J. N. Shaver, of Alexander county, assisted. There was much interest, but no conversions so far as we could learn. On New Year's morning we found a box on one of our porches, with the lid fast nailed down, and on opening it, we found it contained many good substantial things for the table. These tokens of kindness and appreciation are very great-

fully received by us. During the holidays, the lower room of Hibriten Academy was completed, and the spring term opened last Monday with an enrollment of 72, which was increased to 76 before the week closed, and others are expected next week. The girls occupy the upper and the boys the lower room, and rarely are thrown together except in the chapel at morning prayers and at roll call. There are just the same number of classes, same lessons studied and same grades by both sexes, and when it is necessary both can recite together. But the present love-making and courting, which is so natural among young people, if thrown together much, Prof. Phillips has decided to keep the sexes separated in the main, and I very much approve of his course. I am assisting in the school now regularly, when not called away on ministerial duties. I find it very hard to keep out of educational work. I thought when I came over here, I would devote myself exclusively to my ministerial work, but almost before I got settled down an offer was made me to take part in the school, and some circumstances made it look like it was right to accept. I have nothing to do with the management and discipline of the school. This makes my duties pleasant. My assistance may not be needed for the full term.

I was sad at hearing of the death of Mrs. E. F. Lovill, though it was not altogether unexpected. She was a precious good woman, and I feel sure she has entered into that "rest that remains for the people of God." You all miss her so much.

We were all made sad last week by the reception of a letter, informing us of the death of My wife's mother, Mrs. Rachel Harvey, though it was not altogether unexpected to us. She was very aged, and had been sorely afflicted for many years. She lived on Beaver Creek in Ashe county. She was an excellent christian woman.

I suppose you are having some cold weather in Watauga. The old Grandfather Mountain has looked grayish for a week past. It has been chilly here. The thermometer has registered as low as 18 below the freezing point.

I. W. THOMAS.

Jan. 9, '92.

A Family Reunion.

Dear Editor:—The children, sons and daughters-in-law and grand-children of J. A. and Martha Mast assembled at their home, Sugar Grove, New Year's day in a reunion. There were present as follows: J. C. Shall with his five children; N. L. Mast eight; John McBride six; Holden Davis four; N. L. Mast, with little Mammie, as he calls her; J. C. Lewis one; Alfred Isaacs four and David Horton one—making in all thirty grand-children. Eleven children present. Six sons-in-law all present but one. Four daughters-in-law present. The sons and daughters-in-law, parents, children and grand children present, fifty. Total number living 41, and only two grand children dead. Each family prepared their own provisions and took with them to unite in one grand reunion. Some time after noon they brought their dinner together and began to load down a

table 40 feet long. About 2 o'clock the glorious news was announced: "Dinner is now ready." And then 80 or 100 visitors, all cheerful and happy, marched around the table, calling out the children first, the grand-children next and others arranged accordingly. Just before eating, the New Year presents amounting to nine dollars were awarded by Mr. Dick Fletcher to the heads of the family, J. A. and Martha Mast. After their thanks and congratulations the table was addressed by Mr. N. L. Mast.

What a sumptuous repast was spread before us. Pies, cakes, beef, chickens, peaches, straw berries, jellies, pound-cakes and other things too tedious to mention. The cake was so nice and white, it reminded the writer of the snow-banks of Mount Tacoma. After all had eaten, there was an abundance left. The evening was spent in talking and bringing up past memories, some remarking: "We may never all eat together again on earth." Another saying: "Grand tableau, all are happy." Where is another family that has been so wonderfully blessed? All living in the bloom of health and only two dead. "Oh may we give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever."

J. A. and Martha Mast have now lived together over forty years, he being over 62, and she being over 58 years of age.

May we all so live that we, when the final judgment comes, will be gathered together in one family fold in heaven. A. M. MAST.
Shall's Mills, Jan. 6th.

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NOTICE.

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J. B. Todd, c. l. c.
E. F. Lovill, L. L. Greene Attys. for plaintiff.

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